

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2006

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by George Denholm with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Jim Lienhoop, Martha Myers, August Tindell - Absent - Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of February 7, 2006. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
 - E. Recognition of Columbus Flames Squirt and Columbus Flames Bantam Hockey teams: Brad Bennett and G.J. Kelly, coaches for the Squirts spoke on the successes of the team. Bob Lewis and G. J. Kelly, coaches for the Bantams spoke on the successes of the team. The teams were acknowledged by the City Council and each team member gave their name, age and where they went to school.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.4, 2006, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2006." Steve Ruble, City Engineer, asked the Council if there were any questions regarding this additional appropriation since it was a second reading. George Dutro made a motion to pass the Ordinance. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 5, 2006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7." (Analytical Engineering, Inc.) James Clouse, Special Project Manager for Community Development and Angela May, President of Analytical Engineering, Inc., presented the Resolution for Tax Abatement. Jim Clouse indicated Analytical Engineering, Inc. was requesting tax abatement on real property in the amount of \$800,000 and personal property in the amount of \$1,500,000. 27 jobs will be retained and 2 additional jobs will be created as a result of the proposed expansion. Angela May gave a brief overview of Analytical Engineering, Inc. Robert Kittle indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Analytical Engineering, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Resolution.

August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 with Jim Lienhoop abstaining.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.6, 2006, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (Applied Laboratories Inc.) Jim Clouse, along with Susan Harber, Director of Accounting for Applied Laboratories, Inc., presented the tax abatement. Jim Clouse indicated Applied Laboratories, Inc. was requesting tax abatement for personal property in the amount of \$1,325,000. As a result of this expansion, Applied Laboratories, Inc. will retain 95 current full-time employees, and hire an additional 3 full-time employees. Susan Harber gave a brief overview of Applied Laboratories, Inc. Robert Kittle indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Applied Laboratories, Inc. to be substantial compliance. Robert Kittle moved to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 with Jim Lienhoop abstaining.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “B-4” (HIGHWAY BUSINESS) TO “B-3C” (CENTRAL BUSINESS WITH CONDITIONS).” (Sears Auto Center Parking Lot) Jeff Bergman, Director of Planning, presented this Ordinance. He showed the site and discussed the location. He indicated the Columbus Plan Commission had reviewed the application and was forwarding the Ordinance to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed. No members of the public spoke either for or against the request at the Plan Commission meeting. The Plan Commission recommendation included several conditions. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.” (Bernice Swengel Addition) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He showed the site pictures. Jeff indicated that on October 13, 2005, the Columbus Plat Committee reviewed the above application and voted 3 to 0 to forward it to City Council. Curt Aton, owner of the property, informed the Council why he wanted the alley vacated. August Tindell moved to place in proper channels. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- E. Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinance Revision Process Discussion. Jeff Bergman presented this discussion. He indicated the Planning Department was facilitating the update of the zoning and subdivision control ordinances for both the City and Bartholomew County. These revisions will result in a complete overhaul of the tools used to regulate land use and development. He stated he wished to keep the Council apprised of the progress on this ordinance revision. He indicated he would ask for adoption of this revision at a later date. Discussion followed.

- F. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE APPOINTMENT TO THE COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BOARD FROM FOUR COMMISSIONERS TO FIVE COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF COLUMBUS INDIANA.” Rod Blasdel, Airport Manager, along with Nancy Warren, Commissioner on the Columbus Municipal Airport Board spoke on behalf of this Ordinance. They indicated that under Indiana Code, the Board of Aviation can now be expanded from four (4) Commissioners to five (5) Commissioners. It was requested Council approve this Ordinance for the reasons that a 5th Commissioner would bring additional diversity; it would allow the Board to retain experience and would allow a better opportunity for a quorum. Discussion followed. Robert Kittle moved to place in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- G. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.2756, ORDINANCE NO. 35, 1984, ORDINANCE NO. 30, 1986, ORDINANCE NO. 38, 1989, ORDINANCE NO. 24-1992, ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2001, AND ORDINANCE NO. 23, 2003, ESTABLISHING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID CITY.” Keith Reeves, Director of Utilities, presented this Ordinance. Keith introduced the Utility Service Board members that were present. He explained the need for the sewer increase. He asked the Council accept the recommendation of the Utility Service Board and act on the proposed rate plan so City Utilities could begin to implement the improvements the system and the City needs. He explained the problems facing City Utilities. They are sewer overflow, southside sewers, eastside sewer and the wastewater treatment facility. Discussion followed. Four (4) people in the audience spoke about their concerns and/or support. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- H. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 7, A PRELIMINARY BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BONDS TO PROCURE FUNDS TO PAY THE COST OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO THE CITY’S SEWAGE WORKS AND CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS.” Keith Reeves presented this Resolution for preliminary approval to borrow money. He indicated a formal bonding ordinance will be presented to the Council at a later date. This Resolution would allow the City to include some current expenses in the bond issue when it is compiled. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- I. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2006.” Gene Roberts, Maintenance Director, explained the need for the additional appropriation. He asked that it be approved in order to remove certain trees and to improve the landscaping around City Hall. Discussion followed. Robert Kittle made a motion to place in proper channels. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

- J. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.8, 2006, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Gene Roberts, Maintenance Director, presented this Resolution and asked the Council to approve the “B” items be moved to “A” items in the City Hall Non-Reverting Fund. Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- K. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.9, 2006, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Jim Norris, Director of Public Safety, presented this Resolution. He asked that certain capital items on the “B” priority list in Capital Improvements be moved to the “A” priority list. Much discussion followed regarding the automated packer truck and the 4000 toters on the list. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Resolution with the exception of the packer truck and toters totaling \$474,000.00. Motion denied due to a lack of a second. Jim Lienhoop moved to approve the Resolution. George Dutro seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1 with Robert Kittle voting against the motion. George Dutro asked that Jim Norris come back to the Council in April and report on the project.
- L. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.10, 2006, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Gary Henderson, Chief of Fire, presented this Resolution. He asked that the “B” priority items in the Cum Cap Fire Fund be made “A” priority. George Dutro moved to approve the Resolution. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- M. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2006.” Martha Myers, President Pro Tem, presented this Ordinance. She asked Council to approve the additional appropriation in order to participate in the Economic Development Board as a Director. Discussion followed. It was determined that in the future, an appropriation would be made to include this amount in the City Council budget. George Dutro moved to place the Ordinance in proper channels. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- N. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2006, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, APPROVING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA.” Tom Vujovich and Terry Coriden presented this Resolution. Tom indicated the City of Columbus Redevelopment Commission adopted Resolution No. 2006-1 which amended and enlarged the Central Economic Development Area. Tom asked the Council to approve the Resolution

asking that the boundaries of the Economic Development Area be enlarged. This includes property in an area north on Indianapolis Road known as the Kamman property which has annexation already complete. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Resolution. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

- O. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL FROM AREAS UNDERGOING DEVELOPMENT IN THE COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Steve Ruble, City Engineer, along with Tim Lawson of DLZ, presented this Ordinance. Tim Lawson explained the purpose of the Ordinance is to establish minimum erosion and sediment control requirements. The Ordinance is designed to protect and safeguard the general health, safety and welfare of the public by guiding, regulating, and controlling the design, construction, use and maintenance of any development or other land altering activity which disturbs or breaks the topsoil or otherwise results in the movement of earth within the defined boundaries of the City. This Ordinance is necessary to receive the five (5) year permit. Discussion followed. George Dutro requested that public involvement be sought and that the Plan Commission make a recommendation to the Council. George made a motion to table the item indefinitely to allow the public involvement process to take place. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion to table passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- P. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2006, STORMWATER-ILLICIT DISCHARGE ORDINANCE, CITY OF COLUMBUS.” Steve Ruble and Tim Lawson presented this Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect and enhance the water quality of the watercourses and water bodies in a manner pursuant to and consistent with the Federal Clean Water Act through the reduction of pollutant in stormwater discharges and the regulation of non-stormwater discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable. This Ordinance provides for methods of controlling the introduction of pollutant into the municipal separate storm sewer system in order to comply with requirements of 327 IAC 15-13. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- Q. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.____, 2006, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS INDIANA, APPROVING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA.” Terry Coriden and Tom Vujovich. **THIS ITEM WAS HEARD UNDER ITEM N. ITEM Q IS A DUPLICATION.**
- R. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.12, 2006, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Chuck Wilt, Director of Parks, presented this Resolution. He asked the Council to release “B” priority items for lease-purchases to “A” items in the Cum Cap Fund. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting is March 7, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. Adjournment –Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer